HOSTEL ATTACHED TO THE SIRKAR HIGH SCHOOL, KUNNAMKULAM—CHANGE INTO A COSMOPOLITAN HOSTEL

259. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have recognised the Government Hostel attached to the Sirkar High School, Kunnamkulam, as a cosmopolitan hostel;

(*b*) when was it made a cosmopolitan hostel;

(*c*) whether it was made a cosmopolitan hostel as the result of a resolution moved in the Legislative Council; and if so,

(*d*) whether a copy of the resolution be printed and placed on the table as appendix together with a copy of the Proceedings of the Government passed thereon;

(*e*) how many more hostels have since then been made cosmopolitan?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes, in a sense.

(*b*) In 1926.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Copies appended. (Vide appendices II and III).

(*e*) None.

PILLATHODU IRRIGATION SCHEME—REPORT OF

260. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the scheme called Pillathodu Irrigation Scheme was investigated by Government;

(*b*) if so, what was the amount spent for investigation;

(*c*) who conducted the investigation;

(*d*) will a copy of the report be placed on the table?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No separate accounts have been maintained for each scheme. The expenditure for investigation works is being charged to the allotment in the budget for investigation of irrigation schemes.

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(*c*) Assistant Engineer, Irrigation Division.

(*d*) The scheme has not been examined in detail and no useful purpose, it is considered, will be served by placing a copy of the Assistant Engineer's report at this stage on the table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know when this scheme was investigated ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):* 1937, I think.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Why was not the report examined in detail ? Is it because Government thought that the examination will not serve any purpose ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):* I think there is a mistake about the date. It was examined in 1939.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* It is answered that the scheme was not examined in detail. May I know the reason ? What was the purpose of the investigation ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):* This scheme came up for discussion two or three days ago and then I explained that the scheme was considered to be not of very much use and there may be other schemes of a more promising nature. We are only examining each scheme with a view to take them up one by one from time to time and as this was considered to be of not sufficient promise it was held over.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* How did the Government come to that conclusion before making a detailed examination ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):* The scheme was investigated. The levels have been taken, estimate prepared and the area that would be benefited, according to the officer who investigated the scheme, has been examined. It must be subjected to superior scrutiny, on all matters including the actual financial commitment, the financial returns, etc. It was only professionally investigated. The financial commitments have to be ascertained. There are also various other factors to be considered.

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